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April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Glen Frost opened the meeting with introductions. The meeting was cut short due to MDT training that began at 9:00. As a result, some agenda items were not covered in the April Meeting but will be covered at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Summary of Specification Revisions.** MDT distributed a summary of active specs with several proposed revisions that will be distributed on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Horizontal Line Control.** MCA disagreed with proposed revision to Standard Specification 401.03.10. MDT is looking at rewording the proposed revision and will distribute it for review in the future.

**2. Field Target Density for Plant Mix.** MDT revised MT-328 and the first 2 rice gravities are retroactive back to the start of production.

**3. 202.03.1 Bridge Removal.** MDT is evaluating the suggestion by MCA to accept that concrete be broken to 12 inch minus in the maximum dimension with no rebar for placement in the embankment and will probably approve that change.

**4. Traffic Control.** MCA asked for a copy of the latest spreadsheet for justification of the rate schedule from MDT. MCA will send a letter of comments to MDT during the next month before the meeting.

**5. Subcontractor Requirements.** MCA had questions from the March Meeting about DBE and Payroll and how they were affected by these requirements. MDT indicated the three are separate, and will attempt to provide clarification, from Civil Rights, on Payrolls and DBE. MDT will attempt to have that information for the next meeting.

**6. Concrete Acceptance.** MDT informed MCA that QA/QC for concrete is currently being looked at, especially the dispute/resolution process. MDT wants the Contractors to have more responsibility for curing of cylinders. MDT is also looking different ways for acceptance. MDT requests that MCA submit recommendations

**7. 107.08 Load Restrictions.** MCA requested other operations be considered for the tag axle exceptions. MDT requested that MCA submit proposals with truck configurations but has not received anything. MDT will move forward with the current revision and will consider other operations when and if received.

**8. CBC, CTS Tables 701-8 and 701-10.** MDT still wants to try test projects considering changes to the No. 200 sieve and fracture but is having trouble getting projects.

**9. Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum.** Not discussed.

**10. Sulfate Soundness.** Not Discussed.

**11. Pulverization.** Not Discussed.

**12. Contract Time and Chipping.** Not Discussed.

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**13. Construction Sequencing.** MCA had concerns that the sequencing specs were limiting their operations and efficiency. MDT pointed out that exceptions are allowed per the spec by working through the EPM. The Q & A is also a good forum to discuss possible changes.

**14. 2007 Engineering Conference.** Not Discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA**

**1. General Discussion.** MCA did not think MDT was doing a good job of relaying information from the MCA/MDT meetings to MDT field personnel. This was based on the change to the MT-328 test procedure. MDT stated that the proposed revision was brought to the last meeting for MCA comment and the actual change was not approved until several weeks later and MDT sent out guidance in a Construction Memo at that time. MDT summarized the spec change process and indicated it can take several weeks after the end of a comment period to get approval and be implemented. MDT stated that all specs and meeting minutes are distributed and it's the field person's responsibility to read the contracts and know what changes apply to which projects, just like it is for the Contractors. MDT took this opportunity to inform MCA about the website and how all proposed revisions to specifications, new and revised special provisions, and final versions are now being posted under the specifications menu on the Internet.

The next meeting will be **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.